

## Comment Form

## STATE DEPARTMENT

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## Comment

I am writing you today concerning the bill identified as: 22CFR Parts 96 and 98. The new regulations that are being developed to enforce the Hague Convention could have a negative impact on my family. I am an average American citizen. I love my God, my family and my country. As an American I am free to have as many children naturally as I desire. Not every country affords this freedom to their citizens. I have two beautiful natural born daughters and I also have a beautiful adopted daughter from Vietnam. I am honored to have such wonderful children. As a free American I would like to increase my family once more by adopting internationally. The restrictions and requirements addressed in the Hague Convention could cause the fees associated with international adoption to increase. I love children. I cannot help every hurting, hungry and helpless child in the world. I have been able to help one. I would like to have the opportunity to help more children. If you do not help the following may occur due to the Hague Convention: many agencies may be forced to close, regulations and fees will increase, waiting list will become longer, and many families will not be able to bring home beautiful children. As an American citizen I request you to consider the effects the Hague Convention will have on adoptive families. Some families choose adoption to begin their families and others to complete them. Please do your part to help. Sincerely, Lena White